

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Officer Paul Pressley and his K-9 partner upon being selected as Best Overall K-9 Team.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Paul Pressley of the Morristown Police Department (MPD) is one such law enforcement officer who, along with his K-9 partner, Dano, was recently named Best Overall K-9 Team at the twenty-eighth annual K-9 Street Survival Seminar hosted by the Sevierville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Paul Pressley and Dano competed against forty other K-9 teams in a variety of scenario-based training exercises, including tracking, narcotics detection, apprehension, and obedience; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pressley, a veteran of the United States armed forces, has served with the Morristown Police Department for nine years; in addition, he is a member of the MPD Special Response Team, and a past member of the Criminal Apprehension Unit; and

WHEREAS, his K-9 partner, Dano, a Belgian Malinois, is a dual-purpose dog and is trained in narcotics detection and apprehension; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pressley and Dano epitomize the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of true Tennesseans, and it is appropriate that they should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Officer Paul Pressley and his K-9 partner, Dano, upon being selected as Best Overall K-9 Team at the K-9 Street Survival Seminar, thank them for their meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.